

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 51A be and the same is hereby added to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Elections", sub-title "Special Provisions in Baltimore City", to follow immediately after Section 51 thereof, and to read as follows:*

51A.

(a) *Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article, when the Board shall learn that a registered voter has removed from the precinct in which he is registered to another precinct in the city, the Board shall notify the voter to apply for a notice of change of registration which shall be on a written form. ~~verified by affidavit of the voter.~~ Upon receiving such notice, the Board shall compare the signature of the voter thereon with the original registration records of the voter, and if the signature appears to be the same, the change of residence shall be made on the original and duplicate registration records and the voter shall be notified immediately by mail of the change. If the Board is not satisfied as to the signature on the notice, or that the change should be made, notice shall be sent the voter by mail directing him to appear at the office of the Board to answer such questions as the Board may deem necessary.*

(b) *If the voter shall fail to apply for a notice of change of registration within thirty days after receipt of notice to do so from the Board, the Board shall investigate the facts of the removal, and if it shall find the voter has acquired a voting residence in another precinct, the Board shall proceed as if the voter had removed from the State, except that the voter shall be notified by mail of his right to re-register, and that he must re-register before he may vote at any subsequent election.*

(c) *When any change of name by marriage or by decree shall be reported to the Board, either as provided by Sections 42(b) and (c) herein or by any other means, the Board shall notify such person that he is required to re-register. When any change is made during the period of sixty days immediately preceding any election, the person, if duly registered, may vote at the election under his former name. The Board shall notify him that he must re-register before he may vote at any subsequent election.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.*

Approved April 28, 1959.

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CHAPTER 599

(Senate Bill 411)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 31(a) and to add new Sections 31(d) and (e) to Article 81 of the An-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.